

LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Other Items of Public Interest.

—Morning sermon at the Congregational church, "The Panoply of God." At 8 p. m. union service with the Endeavor, discussion and sermon, "Our National Heritage."

—There will be German preaching next Sunday June 25th at 2:30 p. m. at the Presbyterian church by Rev. J. C. Beyerline of Albany. All are cordially welcome.

—The water committee created by the legislature was permanently organized the other night by the adoption of by-laws and rules and the election of the following officers: P. Avery, chairman; S. L. Kline, clerk; E. Woodward, treasurer.

—Physical Director Trine left Thursday morning to enter upon his duties as one of the trainers for Multnomah Athletic Club, preparatory to the big meets in which O. A. C. athletes will appear for the club. He expects to be absent six weeks. He is accompanied by his family.

—A big farm sale occurred Tuesday. The Garrett Long farm near Brown's bridge, five miles southwest of Corvallis, went to Andrew Stegerwald for a consideration of \$10,800. The purchaser is a contractor at Port Townsend, and is understood to be a man of means. He is not at present to occupy the farm, but has leased it to Mr. Long for one year with the privilege of two. The sale was negotiated by J. L. Lewis.

—During the summer season Frank E. Jones, pastor of the Church of Christ will give a line of short talks on "Bible heroes and heroines" at the evening services. Next Sunday morning the subject will be, "Christian Character." At 8 p. m. the subject will be, "Abraham, the friend of God." Sunday evening July 2nd the sermon will be a Fourth of July sermon, subject, "Our national banner." All old soldiers are especially invited to attend this service.

—Tuesday's Oregonian:—The market for chittim bark is dull, weak and lower. Advices from the East say the market there is in a waiting attitude, with consumers making no purchases. All the manufacturing chemists and speculators have large stocks on hand and in view of the immense supply of unsold bark on this Coast, are strictly out of the market. It is estimated that there is a five year's supply already peeled and unsold in this country. If this is true, it means that prices must get down to the basis of 1901 and 1902, when bark sold at 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents.

—The Corvallis Transfer Company is the name of a new Corvallis partnership. It is the fruit of the union of the City Transfer Company and the Corvallis Truck Company into one concern. The uniting of the two establishments was not for the purpose of raising rates, but to simplify and economize in operations. Formerly, for instance when a freight car was to be unloaded, one of the companies had to wait perhaps for the other to get out its part of the consignments, or vice versa. It made delay, trouble, and aggravation, which is removed now, because what is freight for one of the trucks, is freight for all of them. The rates will remain as before.

—The Water election to decide whether or not the people of Corvallis want good water, occurs on Thursday July 6th, as will be seen by the official notice published in another column. The proposition is one on which every citizen, whether for or against, should register his choice. This is a free country, where if a man is against a proposition it is his privilege to vote against it. It will indeed, be lamentable if there are many in town who are against good drinking water for Corvallis children and Corvallis homes, but it is theirs to vote as they please, with none to molest or make them afraid. On the other hand, there are those who believe good water to be a first step toward good health, good progress and a good town, and every one of them should go to the polls July 6th and throw all they have to give on the side of purity and cleanliness in the coffee pot for the old folks and cleanliness and purity in the glass of water for the babe to drink.

—The first fire permit of the present season to be taken out at the Benton county clerk's office was issued Wednesday to George W. Humphrey, of Monroe.

—Mrs. S. L. Kline returned Wednesday evening from Oregon City, where she went as a delegate to the W. R. C. state convention. Mrs. Kline had the honor of being selected as a delegate to the national W. R. C. convention at Denver.

—Tomorrow morning at the First Methodist church there will be a sermon by Rev. Fees on the subject "Standing the Test After a Thorough Examination." In view of the fact that next week, in this city, occurs the Sunday school convention, the evening topic tomorrow will be, "The Scope of the Sunday School."

—A rare treat is promised Corvallis people on June 11th. The occasion is an entertainment to be given by the Presbyterian and M. E. churches, combined, at which the appearance is promised of President Pinkey, of the Cincinnati School of Oratory. Further mention of the affair will appear later.

—On a first come, first served basis, a nickel apiece will be paid at the TIMES office for one copy each of issues of the TIMES referred to in the following request from W. L. Patterson, an old O. A. C. boy at Baker City. "It has so happened that I have failed to receive the issues of the TIMES containing the fight between the O. A. C. and U. of O. and the Salem meet. Would be pleased to have these two issues mailed to me. In common with you other people, I have been interested in the remarkable achievements of "our boys."

—Senator J. H. Mitchell is on trial in Portland. The poor old man is unquestionably guilty. The slightest doubt of that was removed when Judge Bennett pleaded the venerable senator's age, his carelessness in his own business affairs as a line of defense that would be followed. The evidence of the government is overwhelming. Kribs testifying as to conversations with Mitchell about expediting the timber claims, and Judge Tauners swearing that the senator received half of the fees for expediting them and that the latter knew at the time what the fees were for.

—Philomath correspondent in Salem Statesman: Henry Ambleo announces his intention to remove to Corvallis. His removal to the county seat will put him in closer touch with his business, the major part of which now centers at Corvallis instead of Philomath, as formerly. The real estate firm of which he is the leading partner will station a man here to look after its interest. Philomath people seriously regret to lose Mr. Ambleo from the roll of its citizens. He has been in business here for about eight years, during which time he has been a potent factor in the building up and improvement of the community. As a result of his schemes of advertising hundreds of easterners have migrated to Oregon, settling in the Philomath-Corvallis district or somewhere in the Willamette Valley.

—It used recently to be fashionable to peddle about this town the statement that the legislature could not change the water bill so as to make the commission elective. Silly as was the statement, it fooled a number of innocent people, and for a time, duped them into opposition to mountain water. The publicly given opinion of all the best lawyers in Corvallis that the change can be made, and the resolution of the water committee itself suggesting that such change be made and declaring the right of the people to make it, has, however, completely exploded that argument, and the water question in the coming election goes to the people squarely on its merits. There is absolutely no side issue. The question is so shaped that a man is either against bringing good water into this town, or he is for it. If a man is against it, he simply insists that many of his neighbors shall be compelled to drink water that is seepage from a graveyard, and that is all there is to it.

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AS TO GRAFT. That has Been Talked About—How Could it be Done—What the Law Says.

It has been told around Corvallis that if mountain water is brought to Corvallis, there will be grafts in it for somebody on the commission. Some innocent people were accordingly misled.

Not one iota of graft is possible in connection with the proposed mountain water system. The law forbids it, and is so arranged as to absolutely prevent it. Thus section 29 of the Water act says:

"The committee, until said commission is selected, and thereafter the said commission, shall cause a quarterly statement in detail of its receipts and disbursements to be made and signed by its chairman and clerk and filed with the police judge of said city who shall preserve the same among the files of his office, and the commission shall cause to be made and filed as a part of the last quarterly report in each year a complete inventory or statement of the property, implements and materials in its possession and control pertaining to the water works, together with the condition and approximate value thereof."

Here is a provision by which the commission must, every three months report to the people of Corvallis through the police judge a complete detail of its financial operations, including receipts and disbursements, which report is always on file with the police judge, subject to the inspection of every citizen. A complete report of all property on hand, its value and condition must be similarly reported.

In face of such a provision, how could there be improper conduct of affairs without instant discovery?

But, perhaps it is somebody's fear that a member of the commission might get a graft in a salary. Section 30 of the law says: "Except as otherwise herein expressly provided no member of said committee or commission shall receive any compensation for services rendered for or on behalf of said committee or said commission, or in connection with the duties of either said committee or commission."

The exception to the rule is covered by a provision in Section 10 which says: "The deputy clerk and treasurer shall receive such compensation as the committee may from time to time direct or prescribe."

The deputy clerk provided for cannot be a member of the commission, and the treasurer who takes charge of the funds after the works is built is the city treasurer, and as there would be no motive for the commission to allow these men grafts, it is apparent that any talk about possibility of grafts is nonsense, pure and simple. The law itself prevents the committee and commission from grafting, and in the very nature of things there would be no reason for them to allow somebody else to skip out with the works or hornswoggle all the water.

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The S. P. is selling round trip tickets between Corvallis and Portland for \$3 good going Saturdays or Sundays and returning Sunday or Monday following, either on East or West side, but good only on afternoon train from Albany to Portland on Saturdays if East side is taken. Passengers to pay local fare between Corvallis and Albany.

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